The Diabetes Food Guide

Recommended Daily Food Choices	What is a choice?
Vegetables 5+ choices a day	1 cup raw leafy greens, or ½ cup cooked (spinach, romaine, kale, endive, swiss chard) ½ cup raw/cooked: asparagus, beets, broccoli, green and yellow string beans, carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, eggplant, leeks, mushrooms, mixed frozen vegetables, onions, green and red peppers, tomato, turnips, zucchini * portions of more than 1 cup of parsnips, peas, winter squash and tomato sauce will add 15 g of available carbohydrate (3 teaspoons of sugar) to your meal.
Grains and Starches 6-8 choices a day Measure after cooking	1 slice whole grain bread 1 slice whole grain bread 1 slice whole grain bread 1 cup hot cereal 1 cup cold cereal 1 cup barley, bulgur, buckwheat, quinoa, wild rice 1 cup pasta, couscous 1 cup corn kernel or ½ cob 2 medium potato or 2 cup mashed potato 1 (6 inch) pita bread 1 (1 inch) pancake or wath the particular of the pa
Fruits 3 choices a day	1 medium: apple, orange, pear 2 medium: kiwi, plums, clementine oranges 1 cup blueberries 2 medium mango 1 cup blueberries 2 tup strawberries, blackberries, raspberries in juice 1 cup melon 1 small banana, grapefruit 1 large peach, nectarine 2 cups strawberries, blackberries, raspberries 2 cup unsweetened applesauce, canned fruit in juice 3 cup unsweetened juice 3 cup unsweetened applesauce, canned fruit in juice 3 cup unsweetened juice 3 cup unsweetened juice 3 cup unsweetened juice 3 cup unsweetened applesauce, canned fruit in juice
Milk and Alternatives 2-3 choices a day	1 cup milk 1 cup fortified soy beverage flavoured 1 cup fortified soy beverage plain 4 tbsp powdered milk 34 cup artificially sweetener yogurt
Meat and Alternatives 4 - 8 choices a day Measure after cooking	1 ounce (30 g) lean meat, poultry or fish 1 ounce (30 g) cheese (1-2% MF) 1 large egg 1 large egg 1 cup legumes (beans, peas, lentils)* 1 ounce (30 g) cheese (<20% MF) 1 2 tbsp. peanut butter 1 l/3 cup hummus 1/3 cup hummus 1/3 teaspoons of more than 1 cup of beans and lentils will add 15 g of available carbohydrate (3 teaspoons of sugar) to your meal.
Fats and Oils Moderation	/ 1 tsp. butter or non hydrogenated margarine 1 tbsp. nuts or seeds 1 tbsp. mayonnaise, light 1 tsp. oil, canola, olive or peanut 1 tbsp. salad dressing, regular 1 slice bacon 1 avocado

Sweets

Have sweets in moderation and enjoy small portions. Choose food and beverages low in added sugars.

Physical activity

Be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week.

Different people need different amounts of food

This guide gives you a lower and higher number of servings from each food group. See a Dietitian to help you determine how much you need.



